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The Honorable Richard Lugar  
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Dear Chairman Biden and Ranking Member Lugar,

I appreciate your efforts and those of the Committee staff in holding the two hearings on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea over the past month. The Convention is a complex document, covering a broad range of issues, and I have found the hearings to be helpful to me as I weigh the effects and consequences of the Convention should it be ratified by the U.S. Senate.

However, during the previous hearings, Members of Congress have made comments or raised questions or concerns regarding the treaty which I believe remain unaddressed. Therefore, I respectfully request at least one additional hearing before the committee considers the Resolution of Ratification for this Treaty in a business meeting.

To assist Members as they gather all the facts about the Convention, I would hope that list of witnesses could include former high ranking officials from the current administration as well as President Reagan's administration. Specifically, I would request that the panel include President Reagan's Attorney General Edwin Meese, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton, and Secretary Rice's Legal Advisor Mr. John Bellinger, III. I believe these individuals are uniquely qualified to address some of the outstanding questions and concerns about the Convention.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



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